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In re Application of	:	
William Wayne Cimino et al	:	
Application No. 10/628,673	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 28, 2003	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 2171CON	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed March 10, 2006.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The Office cannot approve the request at this time since the reason provided does not meet any of the conditions under the mandatory or permissive categories enumerated in 37 CFR 10.40. Section 10.40 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulation states, "[a] practitioner shall not withdraw from employment in a proceeding before the Office without permission from the Office[.]" More specifically, 37 CFR 10.40 states, "[i]f paragraph (b) of this section is not applicable, a practitioner may not request permission to withdraw in matter pending before the Office unless such request or such withdrawal is" for one of the permissive reasons listed in 37 CFR 10.40(c). The reason set forth in the request is "...acquired by integra LifeSciences, Corp.... withdraw our attorneys from representation as expeditiously as possible, so as not to impede the transfer of work to integra LifeSciences, Corp." does not meet any of the conditions set forth in 37 CFR 10.40.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicants.

Telephone inquires concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at 571-272-3220.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3763 to wait a reply to the non-final Office action mailed February 27, 2006.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Bucci', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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